

Using your vast knowledge of European History, write a 30-minute thematic essay that addresses one of the following questions. Your essay must include the following components:

- ❑ An introduction with a clear and concise thesis statement (underlined)
- ❑ Several supportive body paragraphs with factual details
- ❑ A conclusion that summarizes your position

1. Describe the ways in which conservative political and social views shaped the peace settlement of the Congress of Vienna. Explain the consequences of the peace settlement for the period 1815 to 1848. (Think of this as a cause/effect question)
2. Classical liberalism in the 18th and 19th centuries developed from the basic concepts about the nature of man and society. What were these concepts and from what different points of view did radical and conservative political thinkers criticize them?
3. Identify and explain the similarities and differences between socialism and liberalism in 19th century Europe.
4. Discuss the origins and evolution of European liberalism as a political movement during the first half of the 19th century.
5. Each of the following men developed an economic view of the world that would have dramatic influence on the course of history. Select two and briefly summarize their primary theory, idea for change, and view of government.
 - Adam Smith
 - David Ricardo
 - Robert Owen
 - Louis Blanc
 - Karl Marx
6. The major players at the Congress of Vienna (Britain, Austria, Prussia, Russia, France) all brought different desires to the table. Select two of the leaders listed below and briefly explain their goals and level of success in achieving them.
 - Metternich – Austria
 - Castlereagh – Britain
 - Hardenberg – Prussia
 - Alexander I – Russia
 - Talleyrand – France
7. The period of the 1820s and 1830s was a time of many revolutions in Europe. Select two of the revolutions listed below and briefly explain the cause, course, and consequence of each.

Spain	France
Italy	Belgium
Greece	Poland
Russia	Germany
8. The revolutions in Europe in 1848 had, for the most part, several things in common. Briefly explain the cause of these revolutions and the general results.